

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A ceiling mounted lift, comprising:

a support frame housing a double fabric panel drive assembly with first and second panels disposed on separate rollers, the panels cooperating to raise and lower a lifting platen;

wherein a flat surface of the first panel and a flat surface of the second panel each define substantially parallel planes that are not co-planar when the lifting platen is lowered; and

a stabilizer having a first arm and a second arm, such stabilizer disposed between the support frame and the lifting platen, and disposed between the first and second panels such that operational motion of the stabilizer is in a plane that is substantially parallel to the planes defined by the flat surfaces of the first and second panels when the lifting platen is raised or lowered, to prohibit motion in all but one plane. ~~relative to the panels to prohibit motion in all but one plane.~~

2. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, wherein the stabilizer comprises a bearing at a pivot joining the first and second arms.

3. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 2, further comprising a first hardened washer on a side of the bearing and a second hardened washer on an opposing side of the bearing.

4. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 3, wherein all movement of the stabilizer is substantially planar.

5. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a hole in the stabilizer and a tie wrap.

6. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, wherein the drive mechanism comprises a double fabric drive roller.

7. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a wireless transceiver that cooperates with a controller to operate the drive mechanism.

8. (original) A home appliance center including the lift of claim 7.

9. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a home theatre component.

10. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 9, wherein the home theatre component is at least one of a projector and a plasma screen.

11. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 1, further comprising a device lowered for maintenance.

12. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 11, wherein the device lowered for maintenance is at least one of a light fixture and a message board.

13. (currently amended) A ceiling mounted lift, comprising:

a support frame having a length and a width;

the frame housing a double fabric panel drive assembly with first and second panels each having first and second opposing faces oriented parallel to the length of the support frame, but disposed in different planes, the panels cooperating to raise and/or lower a lifting platen to prohibit motion in all but one plane;

using a fabric drive roller; and

the support frame housing sized and dimensioned to stow substantially above a ceiling surface.

14. (original) The ceiling mounted lift of claim 13 having a side by side dimension such that the lift can be mounted between ceiling joists spaced 16 inches on center.

15. (original) An installed ceiling mounted lift comprising the lift of claim 13 having a side by side dimension that is at least 2 inches less than a space between the ceiling joists.

16. (currently amended) An installed ceiling mounted lift, comprising:

a support frame housing a drive mechanism that operates to raise and lower a lifting

platen using different first and second fabric ~~drive~~ rollers having first and second

fabric panels, ~~respectively~~respectively, each of the panels having parallel but non-coplanar, flat surfaces sufficiently wide to prohibit motion in all but one plane~~substantially prevent movement in a horizontal plane~~; and
a ceiling panel held to the lift by a spring loaded bolt.

17. (original) A home theatre system comprising the lift of claim 1.

18. (original) The lift of claim 16 having a lift distance of at least 50 feet.

19. (original) The lift of claim 16 having a maximum payloads of at least 250 pounds.

20. (currently amended) An improved ceiling mounted lift having a horizontal cross-section having a length and a width, and a double fabric panel drive assembly that supports a lifting platen, wherein the improvement comprises:

~~wherein such~~the lift is sized and dimensioned to stow substantially above a ceiling surface and between joists spaced 16 inches on center; and

~~wherein~~ the panel drive assembly includes first and second panels with parallel but non-coplanar, flat surfaces to prohibit motion of the lifting platen in all but one plane.
~~disposed in different planes and parallel to the length.~~

21. (currently amended) A ceiling mounted lift having:

a double fabric panel drive assembly with a first panel having a width that defines a first plane and a flat surface across its width, and a second panel having a width that defines a second plane and a flat surface across its width, the first and second planes being parallel but not co-planar~~that defines a second plane that is not co-planar with the first plane~~;

a stabilizer disposed in a third different plane; and

the width of the panels and orientation of the planes sufficient to prevent motion in all but one plane.

22. (previously presented) The lift of claim 21 wherein the first and second panels are coupled to a lifting platen, and are sufficiently wide to provide significant horizontal stabilization to the platen.